

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING
Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
May 17, 2013 @10:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mast called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Harold Mast, Shannon English, Gerald Irby, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Patricia Rencher, Michael Sheehan, Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Bartus, Renee' Parnell and Jeffery Schade.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Rhonda Powell, Carol Dye, Sarah Slocum, Wendi Middleton, Scott Wamsley, Phil Lewis and Annette Gamez.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Otsego County Commission on Aging, Dee Collins, Joe Hehir, AAA Region 1-B, Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy and Laurie Sauer, Executive Director, AAA Region 9.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the April 19, 2013 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Commissioner Mast asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Mast announced the Older Michiganians Day will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, in Lansing on the Capitol lawn; he and Kari will participate to recognize and honor the Senior Citizen of the Year award winners.

Commissioner Mast discussed starting the August and September Commission meetings at 9:00 to allow the AAAs additional time to present their AIP plans and request their input on the funding formula.

OSA Deputy Director Report

Deputy Director Powell stated the State budget is still being deliberated. The Senate passed the DCH budget, but did not include the Medicaid expansion. There is a \$100 placeholder in the senior nutrition program line item, which means there will be some flexibility to add funding should additional funding become available.

Deputy Director Powell asked Scott Wamsley for an update on the Federal budget.

Mr. Wamsley stated OSA received some of their federal funding and estimates from the Administration on Aging on what sequestration will look like for Michigan. Hopefully, the final budget numbers will be provided in early June, and OSA anticipates there will be a 5.2 percent funding cut, at which time this information will be disseminated.

Deputy Director Powell stated the state plan has been posted on OSA's website and May 20th will be 30 day deadline for public input.

Deputy Director Powell stated the Integrated Care proposal launch date has been pushed back about six months to July 2014.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of 2013 State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) Appointments

Commissioner Michael Sheehan, SAC Chair, stated he along with CSA Chairman Mast, Commissioners Bartus and Zamora reviewed the SAC applications, and they agreed on the following appointments/reappointments within their respective regions: Alan Bond, 1-A; Kathleen Earle, 1-B; Lois Hitchcock; 1-B, Gene Pisha, 1-C; Lawrence Brooks, 3-B; Carl Field, 3-B, Victoria Laupp, 3-B; Mary K. Jones, 5; Nicolette McClure, 8, Mary Lou Proefrock, 8; Billie Hipwood, 9; Susan Vick, 9; Dale Gauthier, 10; and Gerald McCale, 11, noting the SAC needs more ethnic representation and he encouraged everyone to seek additional council members to fill this need.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve the 2013 SAC appointments, as presented. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mast stated representation is also needed in Regions 3-A, 1-C and 1-A.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval to Distribute Additional Grant Funds from Money Follows the Person (MFP) Project, Option C to Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC)

Sarah Slocum, OSA staff, stated additional funding has been made available by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the community-based Ombudsman pilot project, and will be distributed through MDRC to field advocates to increase their ability to help resolve problems/issues for those transitioning out of nursing homes, data analysis and evaluation required by CMS, and for administrative costs to MDRC for their fiduciary responsibilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the distribution of additional grant funds from the MFP Project, Option C to MDRC, as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved with a 10-0-1 vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Overview of ADRC Program

Deputy Director Rhonda Powell, Wendi Middleton, Scott Wamsley and Sarah Slocum provided a detailed overview of the Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Zamora stated she and Commissioner Rencher attended the City of Auburn Hills Mother's Day celebration where the City was awarded with the Community For a Lifetime award.

Commissioner Wilson stated she attended AAA 1-B's 50th anniversary event where Jan Dolan, a former legislator and mayor, at 80 years old was honored with an award.

Commissioner Irby stated he attended Triad Elder/Senior Abuse conference in Baraga County and addressed 80-100 attendees. It was a very informative event related to legislation aimed at protecting seniors.

Commissioner Irby stated information was included in the meeting packets related to the July meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. He invited everyone to participate and asked Commissioners to confirm with Carol Dye by July 8th.

Commissioner Sheehan stated the Bay Area Senior Advocates sponsored their annual Senior Expo with over 500 seniors attending.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Newport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM.